

"of the type" render these claims indefinite, and in claim 12 the term "woolie" is not clear.; (2) claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11 and 13 are rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) by Campbell et al; (3) claims 2,8 and 12 are rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Campbell et al; and (4) claims 5, 6 , 13 and 14 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Campbell et al in view of Yabuu.

(1)

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to remove the objected to language. New claims 15 and 16 have been added to recite the language removed from claims 1 and 7. This amendment to claims 1 and 7 and the addition of new claims 15 and 16 should overcome the noted rejection of claims 1-11 and 13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

As to the term "woolie" it is a term of art referring to a particular kind of polyester. Those skilled in the art are familiar with the term.

(2)

The rejection under 35 USC 102(b) is respectfully traversed.

The Campbell et al reference shows and discloses an arrangement which cannot have "a roughened or irregular surface" as is now recited in claim 1. This "roughened or irregular surface" can, for example, be produced by the weave of the warp threads B and C (see pg. 6, lines 26-30 of the specification. But however produced, the structural configuration of the invention as defined in claim 1 is different from that disclosed in Campbell et al so that Campbell et al cannot be viewed as anticipating claim 1, and the claims that depend therefrom.

(3) - (4)

The rejections under 35 USC 103(a) are also respectfully traversed.

Claims 2, 8 and 12 depend directly (claim 2) or indirectly (claims 8 and 12) from claim 1, and, it is respectfully submitted, that Campbell et al cannot render these claims unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) also because Campbell et al does not disclose or suggest the condition of the leno weave now recited in claim 1. In addition, Campbell et al certainly does not disclose the "roughened or irregular surface," as noted above, and it certainly does not disclose the "nubs" of claim 5 from which claim 8 depends; nor the "opposed edges" of claim 12 which depends from claim 9 which in turn depends from claim 5.

The examiner suggests that the "nubs" are taught by Yabu. But applicant cannot detect "nubs" in Yabu's design at all. The piles 5 of Yabu are not necessarily "nubs." Since Yabu does not specifically state that "nubs" are present the burden becomes the examiner's to show that he does teach "nubs."

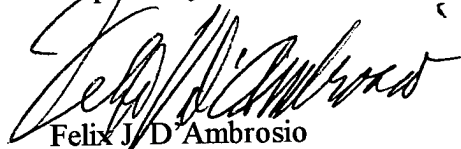
It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Campbell et al and Yabu, even if it could be made, would not result in the fabric defined in any of the present claims because, at the very least, they do not teach in combination the "roughened or irregular surface."

New claims 17 and 18 have been added in order to complete the scope of protection to which the present invention is entitled in view of the art cited. New claim 17 defines the body portion and two opposed edge portions with the body portion defining the two types of warp threads and the weft thread along with the nubs in the gaps between adjacent weft threads.

In view of the above, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully

requested and claims 1-18 found allowable.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS 1, 5, 7 AND 12

1. (Amended) An antislip fabric [of the type] capable of maintaining garments [such as trousers and shirt or skirt and blouse] in place with respect to each other, the antislip fabric comprising two different warp threads interlaced with weft threads in the form of leno weave to provide a roughened or irregular surface.

5. (Amended) The antislip fabric as set forth in claim 1 wherein [the weaving is done to provide a] said roughened or irregular surface [having] has a plurality of spaced-apart nubs formed on both sides of each gap between two adjacent weft threads.

7. (Amended) An antislip strip useful in maintaining garments [such as trousers and shirt or skirt and blouse] in place with respect to each other, wherein the antislip strip comprises two different warp threads interlaced with weft threads in the form of leno weave.

12. (Amended) The antislip strip as set forth in claim [9] 11 wherein the two opposed edge portions comprises warp threads of polyester filament and woolie polyester interlaced with weft threads of polyester monofilament.

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